

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## BUDGET RESOLUTION/\$2 Billion Defense Cut for Domestic Spending

**SUBJECT:** Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1996-2002 . . . S. Con. Res. 13. Lautenberg amendment No. 1169.

**ACTION:** AMENDMENT REJECTED, 26-73

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. Con. Res. 13, the fiscal year 1996 Concurrent Budget Resolution, will reduce projected spending over 7 years to balance the budget by fiscal year (FY) 2002 without increasing taxes. Savings that will accrue from lower debt service payments (an estimated \$170 billion) will be dedicated to a reserve fund, which may be used for tax reductions after enactment of laws to ensure a balanced budget. Highlights include the following: the rate of growth in Medicare will be slowed to 7.1 percent; Medicaid's rate of growth will be slowed to 5 percent and it will be transformed into a block grant program; the Commerce Department and more than 100 other Federal programs, agencies, and commissions will be eliminated; welfare and housing programs will be reformed; agriculture, energy, and transportation subsidies will be cut; foreign aid will be cut; defense spending will be cut and then allowed to increase back to its 1995 level; and Social Security will not be altered.

**The Lautenberg amendment** would reduce defense spending by \$2 billion and would increase nondefense spending by the same amount, with the stated intent of cutting "wasteful bureaucratic overhead and wasteful procurement" in the defense budget and increasing spending on efforts to combat domestic violence.

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, some statements on amendments were added to the record or were made before the amendments were offered and before debate time had expired. Also, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of time was allowed on each amendment for explanatory statements before each vote.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

The Lautenberg amendment would cut \$2 billion in wasteful Defense Department spending and would use the savings to fight domestic violence. Every 12 seconds, a woman is battered in the United States. Domestic violence is reaching crisis proportions. We know our colleagues are determined to reestablish the 60-vote firewall between defense and domestic discretionary spending,

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| YEAS (26)                |                          | NAYS (73)                  |                          |           | NOT VOTING (1)     |                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Republicans<br>(2 or 4%) | Democrats<br>(24 or 53%) | Republicans<br>(52 or 96%) | Democrats<br>(21 or 47%) |           | Republicans<br>(0) | Democrats<br>(1)       |
| Hatfield                 | Akaka                    | Abraham                    | Hutchison                | Baucus    |                    |                        |
| Jeffords                 | Biden                    | Ashcroft                   | Inhofe                   | Bingaman  |                    | Mikulski- <sup>2</sup> |
|                          | Boxer                    | Bennett                    | Kassebaum                | Breaux    |                    |                        |
|                          | Bradley                  | Bond                       | Kempthorne               | Bryan     |                    |                        |
|                          | Daschle                  | Brown                      | Kyl                      | Bumpers   |                    |                        |
|                          | Dodd                     | Burns                      | Lott                     | Byrd      |                    |                        |
|                          | Feingold                 | Campbell                   | Lugar                    | Conrad    |                    |                        |
|                          | Feinstein                | Chafee                     | Mack                     | Dorgan    |                    |                        |
|                          | Harkin                   | Coats                      | McCain                   | Exon      |                    |                        |
|                          | Kennedy                  | Cochran                    | McConnell                | Ford      |                    |                        |
|                          | Kerry                    | Cohen                      | Murkowski                | Glenn     |                    |                        |
|                          | Kohl                     | Coverdell                  | Nickles                  | Graham    |                    |                        |
|                          | Lautenberg               | Craig                      | Packwood                 | Heflin    |                    |                        |
|                          | Leahy                    | D'Amato                    | Pressler                 | Hollings  |                    |                        |
|                          | Levin                    | DeWine                     | Roth                     | Inouye    |                    |                        |
|                          | Moseley-Braun            | Dole                       | Santorum                 | Johnston  |                    |                        |
|                          | Moynihan                 | Domenici                   | Shelby                   | Kerrey    |                    |                        |
|                          | Murray                   | Faircloth                  | Simpson                  | Lieberman |                    |                        |
|                          | Pell                     | Frist                      | Smith                    | Nunn      |                    |                        |
|                          | Reid                     | Gorton                     | Snowe                    | Pryor     |                    |                        |
|                          | Rockefeller              | Gramm                      | Specter                  | Robb      |                    |                        |
|                          | Sarbanes                 | Grams                      | Stevens                  |           |                    |                        |
|                          | Simon                    | Grassley                   | Thomas                   |           |                    |                        |
|                          | Wellstone                | Gregg                      | Thompson                 |           |                    |                        |
|                          |                          | Hatch                      | Thurmond                 |           |                    |                        |
|                          |                          | Helms                      | Warner                   |           |                    |                        |

### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

but surely they can agree to this reasonable exception.

**Those opposing** the amendment contended:

The Lautenberg amendment would cut defense spending by another \$2 billion; how that \$2 billion would then be spent is an open question. Senators may think that this amendment would cut "wasteful" defense spending to pay for domestic violence programs, but all it would do is cut \$2 billion from defense, wasteful or not, to be spent on domestic programs. We oppose using the defense budget as a piggybank. If Senators wish to budget a greater percentage of the domestic discretionary budget to combat domestic violence, we will happily support them, but we will not join them in any effort, for any reason, to further gut the defenses of this Nation.